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20. A vacuum-sealed vial as claimed in claim ⁵~~18~~,
wherein the water content is substantially 1 to 2 mols per
mol of 7β-[2-(2-imino-4-thiazolin-4-yl)acetamido]-3-{1-[2-
(N,N-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1H-tetrazol-5-yl}thiomethyl-3-cephem-
4-carboxylic acid dihydrochloride moiety.

21. A vacuum-sealed vial as claimed in claim ⁶~~19~~,
wherein the water content is substantially 1 to 2 mols per
mol of 7β-[2-(2-imino-4-thiazolin-4-yl)acetamido]-3-{1-[2-
(N,N-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1H-tetrazol-5-yl}thiomethyl-3-cephem-
4-carboxylic acid dihydrochloride moiety. *Eud*

22. A method for preparing a vacuum-sealed vial
as claimed in any one of claims ~~15~~ to 21, which comprises
packing said solid antibiotic composition in any one of said
claims 15 to 21 into a vial and vacuum-sealing the vial at a
pressure in the range of from 0 to 300 mmHg. --.

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The above amendment presents a new set of claims
directed to a vacuum-sealed vial containing a solid anti-
biotic as described and a method for preparing said vacuum
sealed vial.

New claim 15 represents a combination of original
claims 1, 5, 6 and 11.

New claim 16 depends on claim 15 and is based* on
original claim 5.

New claim 17 also depends on new claim 15 and is
based* on original claim 6.

New claim 18 depends on claim 15 and is based* on
original claim 3.

*in part

New claim 19 is an independent claim based* on original claim 3 and the disclosure on page 6, lines 13 and 14.

New claims 20 and 21 are both based* on original claim 4.

New claim 22 is based* on original claim 14.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

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